(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) Earlier on, Indian Airlines was operating two daily services on Hyderabad-Delhi-Hyderabad route. With effect from 10th of October, 2004, a third daily flight has been introduced. The departure timings of the three flights of Indian Airlines on Hyderabad-Delhi route are 0640 hours, 1600 hours and 1900 hours at present. These timings have been fixed after taking into account the passengers convenience, the feed-back received from various sources, commercial considerations and effects of the competitive market.

Setting up of Farmers' Training Centre

*457. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS.PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab National Bank propose to set up a Farmers' Training Centre at Bhubaneswar to educate farmers about the latest agricultural developments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Bank would find the entire process on infrastructure development to help the beleaguered farmers of the cash-strapped State, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Punjab National Bank through its Farmers' Welfare Trust proposes to set up a Farmers' Training Centre at Bhubaneswar subject to allotment of land free of cost by the State Government. Under the Scheme, the bank proposes to develop a training centre to provide 'hands on' training on improved methods of cultivation such as: diversification of crops *viz.* medicinal and aromatic crops, cultivation of flowers, vegetables, fruits, vocational training to rural youths, etc.

(c) and (d) The Trust would fund development of infrastructure of the Farmers' Training Centre for the benefit of farmers. This will include cost of

building, equipment, furnishing etc. Training to farmers shall be free of cost.

Annual Audit of Ministries

*458. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make annual audit of all the Ministries and Departments of Government, including the offices of the constitutional authorities, mandatory so as to keep a check on the wasteful expenditure all around; and

(b) if so, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) In terms of provisions of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 (Section 13) it is already mandatory for the C&AG to conduct the audit of all expenditure incurred from Consolidated Fund of India by all Ministries and Departments including the offices of the constitutional authorities. Annual audit reports thereon are submitted to the Parliament/Legislature concerned.

Accelerating irrigation benefits

*459. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite spending Rs. 13,823.05 crores in 24 States during 1996—2003, Government failed to achieve the intended objective of accelerating irrigation benefits due to inadequate planning and lack of co-ordination with the State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to achieve the desired objectives; and

(c) the details of the irrigation projects pending as on date, State-wise, indicating their financial and physical progress?